

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating person-to-person commerce over a network, the method comprising:

retrieving thumbnail images associated with items for sale, the thumbnail images created based on images retrieved from a plurality of sites, ~~and wherein~~ the retrieving of the images ~~being is~~ performed utilizing user-supplied information including ~~specified~~ user-specified locations of the plurality of sites from which the images associated with the items can be retrieved;

aggregating the retrieved thumbnail images; and

presenting the aggregated thumbnail images on a web page at a web site.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the presenting of the aggregated thumbnail images comprises:

determining a predefined page format;

retrieving item information corresponding to each of the items to be displayed, the item information including a thumbnail image corresponding to an item;
and

populating the predefined page format based on the retrieved item information.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein a given one of the thumbnail images presented on the web page at the web site is presented with at least one of the following:

a title associated with an item corresponding to the given thumbnail image;

a current bid on the item corresponding to the given thumbnail image; and

an auction ending time for the item corresponding to the given thumbnail image.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the images include user-specified images.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying items to facilitate person-to-person online trading, the method comprising:

retrieving a first thumbnail image associated with a first item for sale, the first thumbnail image created based on a first image at a first remote site, the first image associated with first user-supplied information including a ~~specified~~ first user-specified location of the first remote site from which the first thumbnail image associated with the first item can be retrieved;

retrieving a second thumbnail image associated with a second item for sale, the second thumbnail image created based on a second image at a second remote site, the second image associated with second user-supplied information including a ~~specified~~ second user-specified location of the second remote site from which the second thumbnail image associated with the second item can be retrieved;

aggregating the retrieved first and second thumbnail images; and

presenting the aggregated first and second thumbnail images on a web page at a third site.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the presenting of the first and second thumbnail images comprises:
- determining a predefined page format;
- retrieving item information corresponding to each of the items to be displayed, the item information including a thumbnail image corresponding to an item;
- and
- populating the predefined page format based on the retrieved item information.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein either one of the thumbnail images presented on the web page at the third site is presented with at least one of the following:
- a title associated with an item corresponding to a given one of the thumbnail images;
- a current bid on the item corresponding to the given one of the thumbnail images;
- and
- an auction ending time for the item corresponding to the given one of the thumbnail images.
26. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying items, the method comprising:
- retrieving ~~from a database~~ a first thumbnail image associated with a first item for sale, the first thumbnail image created based on user-supplied information including a first user-specified location of a first image at a first remote

site from which the first image associated with the first item can be retrieved;

retrieving ~~from the database~~ a second thumbnail image associated with a second item for sale, the second thumbnail image created based on the user-supplied information including a second user-specified location of a second image at a second remote site from which the second image associated with the second item can be retrieved;

storing the first and second thumbnail images on a local site; and

responsive to a query, aggregating the first and second thumbnail images on a web page for presentation at a web site.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the presenting of the first and second thumbnail images comprises:

determining a predefined page format;

retrieving item information corresponding to each of the items to be displayed, the item information including a thumbnail image corresponding to an item;
and

populating the predefined page format based on the retrieved item information.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein a given one of the thumbnail images presented on the web page at the web site is presented with at least one of the following:

a title associated with an item corresponding to a given one of the thumbnail images;

a current bid on the item corresponding to the given one of the thumbnail images;

and

an auction ending time for the item corresponding to the given one of the thumbnail images.

29-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a marketplace computer for facilitating electronic commerce over a network between sellers and buyers accessing the network via computers, the method comprising:

receiving a first registration for a first item for sale from a first seller, the first registration including user-supplied information having a description of the first item for sale and a first user-specified location of a first site from which a first thumbnail image of the first item for sale can be retrieved;

receiving a second registration for a second item for sale from a second seller, the second registration including the user-supplied information having a description of the second item for sale and a second user-specified location of a second site from which the second thumbnail image of the second item for sale can be retrieved;

retrieving ~~a~~the first thumbnail image corresponding to the first item for sale;

retrieving ~~a~~the second thumbnail image corresponding to the second item for sale;

aggregating the retrieved first and second thumbnail images; and

presenting the aggregated first and second thumbnail images on a web page at a web site.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the presenting of the aggregated first and second thumbnail images comprises:
- determining a predefined page format;
- retrieving item information corresponding to each of the items to be displayed, the item information including a thumbnail image corresponding to an item;
- and
- populating the predefined page format based on the retrieved product information.
43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein a given one of the thumbnail images presented on the web page at the web site is presented with at least one of the following:
- a title associated with an item corresponding to the given thumbnail image;
- a current bid on the item corresponding to the given thumbnail image; and
- an auction ending time for the product corresponding to the given thumbnail image.
44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the first and second thumbnail images include user-specified images.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the web page further includes the description of the first item for sale and the description of the second item for sale.

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59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the information further includes a description of each of the items for sale.
60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the information includes user-specified information.
61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprises:
- presenting the first registration to the first seller computer over the network; and
- presenting the second registration to the second seller computer over the network.
62. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data representing sets of instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:
- retrieve thumbnail images associated with items for sale, the thumbnail images created based on images retrieved from a plurality of sites, ~~and wherein~~ the retrieving of the images ~~being is~~ performed utilizing user-supplied information including ~~specified~~ user-specified locations of the plurality of sites from which the images associated with the items can be retrieved;
- aggregate the retrieved thumbnail images; and
- present the aggregated thumbnail images on a web page at a web site.

63. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 62, sets of instructions which, when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to:
- determine a predefined page format;
- retrieve item information corresponding to each of the items to be displayed, the item information including a thumbnail image corresponding to an item;
- and
- populate the predefined page format based on the retrieved item information.
64. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable of claim 62, wherein a given one of the thumbnail images presented on the web page at the web site is presented with at least one of the following:
- a title associated with an item corresponding to the given thumbnail image;
- a current bid on the item corresponding to the given thumbnail image; and
- an auction ending time for the item corresponding to the given thumbnail image.
65. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable of claim 62, wherein the thumbnail images include user-specified images.
66. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable of claim 62, wherein the information further includes description of each of the items for sale.
67. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating electronic commerce over a network between a plurality of sellers and a plurality of buyer computers, the system comprising:

a marketplace computer to

~~retrieve from a database~~ a first thumbnail image associated with a first item for sale, the first thumbnail image created based on user-supplied information including a first user-specified location of a first image at a first seller computer from which the first image associated with the first item can be retrieved,

~~retrieve from the database~~ a second thumbnail image associated with a second item for sale, the second thumbnail image created based on the user-supplied information including a second user-specified location of a second image at a second seller computer from which the second image associated with the second item can be retrieved,
and

aggregating the first and second thumbnail images; and

a buyer computer, coupled with the marketplace computer, to present the aggregated first and second thumbnail images on a web page at a web site.

68. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, further comprises a local site coupled with the marketplace computer, the local site to store the first and second thumbnail images.
69. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, wherein the presenting of the aggregated first and second thumbnail images is performed in response to a query from a potential buyer.

70. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, wherein the first thumbnail image comprises a first user-specified image.
71. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, wherein the second thumbnail image comprises a second user-specified image.
72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, wherein the marketplace computer comprises a server computer.
73. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, wherein the first and second seller computers comprise one or more of the following: client computers and server computers.
74. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, wherein the buyer computer comprises a client computer.
75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, wherein the web page on the web site further comprises a description of the first item for sale.
76. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 67, wherein the web page on the web site further comprises a description of the second item for sale.